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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13-21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 9 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8, 11 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1- 5, 9, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being participated by Roupheet et al (U.S Patent No. 917,642 B1).

Regarding claim 1, Roupheet discloses a receiving process method of a receiving apparatus used in a mobile communication system in which a sending apparatus sends a plurality of PN codes (code channels as code channel groups to which spreading codes), col.8 lines 5-10, are assigned to a receiving apparatus, and said receiving apparatus receives said code channels, col.7 line 6, said receiving process method comprising the steps of:

when spreading codes used for said code channel groups are orthogonal code sequences, col.7 line 43, generating received spreading signal sequences of said code channel groups according to the number of received paths 160, figure 1; and

removing received spreading signal sequences of a received path of own code channel group of said receiving apparatus which should be removed from received signals, col.1 line 67.

Regarding claim 2, Rouphaet discloses the steps of: when spreading codes of PN codes (other code channels used for control or used for other channels in said code channel group are orthogonal code sequences), col.9 line 28, generating received spreading signal sequences of said code channel groups according to the number of received paths; and removing received spreading signal sequences of received paths of other code channels which should be removed from received signals, col.10 line 62.

Regarding claim 3, Rouphaet discloses the steps of: when all or a part of said spreading codes used for said pilot codes (code channel groups are non-orthogonal code sequences), col.7 line 35, generating received spreading signal sequences of said code channel groups according to the number of received paths; and removing received spreading signal sequences of other code channels which are non-orthogonal in the same received path from received signals, col.7 line 51.

Regarding claim 4, Rouphaet discloses the steps of: when said receiving apparatus receives a code channel group from another sending apparatus which is orthogonal (not connected to said receiving apparatus), generating received spreading signal sequences of said code channel group from another sending apparatus according to the number of received paths; and removing received spreading signal sequences of said code channel group from received signals, col.7 lines 50-54.

Regarding claim 5, Rouphaet discloses that receiving spreading code sequence is generated on the basis of an estimated value of channel variations and an estimated value of data modulation obtained for each code channel, col.11 lines 23-28.

Regarding claim 9, Rouphaet discloses the same estimated value is used as said estimated value of channel variations for code channels sent from the same sending apparatus, col.11 lines 23-28.

Regarding claim 10, Rouphaet discloses the steps of: performing coherent detection by using said estimated value of channel variations for received despread signals of data signals obtained by despread receiving signals from which said received spreading signal sequences have been subtracted, col.10 lines 15-20; wherein, when said receiving apparatus receives signals by multichannel antennas (path diversity or by antenna diversity, said receiving apparatus estimates data modulation by performing hard decision for signals on which antenna diversity has been performed), col.7 line 4.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 6-8, 11, 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
4. Claims 13-21 allowed.

Conclusion

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Thien Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doris To, can be reached on (571) 272-7629. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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